

## **St. Anne's on the Sea Town Council**

**Minutes of the Leisure and Community Committee held on  
7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 2pm**

**West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE**

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| Present: | Councillors           | C Little<br>B Mackenzie<br>K Henshaw<br>V Settle | Chairman   |
|          | Officers              | S Taylor<br>S Dunn                               | Town Clerk<br>Community Development Manager            |
|          | Also present          | T Ford<br>A Jacques                              | Ashton Ward Councillor<br>St Leonard's Ward Councillor |
|          | Members of the public |  | 0  |

### **316/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Willder.

### **317/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensations.

### **318/13 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2013 be approved.

### **319/13 YOUTH COUNCIL**

Councillor Ford attended the meeting to give a report on Youth Council activities. They continue to meet monthly and have been involved in delivering ballot papers to local schools to identify topics of concern to young people. The outcome of the ballot will form the subject for a debate within the youth Parliament. A strong link has now been built with Adam Porter who is the YC Parliament representative.

The Youth Councillors helped after Carnival with litter picking duties in Ashton Gardens and also supported the Town Mayor's coffee morning. Representation is an ongoing issue due to study commitments, however it's hoped further recruits will be found from other local groups. Councillor Ford reported that the Youth Council is keen to get more involved and raise the profile of what they do and how they support the Town Council.

### 320/13 ALLOTMENTS

Councillor Ford also gave a report on the Allotments.

#### Blundell Road

The Blundell Road site continues to develop and a recent social event including judging of the Scarecrow Competition.

More vacant plots will soon be available as people progress to larger ones at Shepherd Road or give up their plots for personal reasons.

Recycled tarmac has been added and compressed in the car park area. A management committee has been established to run the site in a similar way to how Shepherd Road operates.

The site has again been nominated for a Neighbourhood Award by the St Anne's In Bloom judges.

#### Shepherd Road

The Shepherd Road site is now registered with the National Association of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners Society which offers plot holders automatic insurance cover and discounts on bulk seed orders. Blundell Road will also benefit from a similar discount scheme.

An Open Day in July was well attended and the sale of surplus tools and books funded the purchase of two picnic benches.

The roadway has been repaired and improved to help alleviate previous water-logging problems.

Sadly a spate of vandalism on a few plots has prompted the installation of CCTV at the site. Weekend working parties have successfully kept the site tidy and this in-house maintenance reduces overheads and helps keep the rental costs low for all.

The Town Clerk reported that there are 26 names on the waiting list for allotments which is an excellent achievement compared to previous levels.

The Committee were asked to consider a change of address request for a current plot holder who was temporarily moving out of the parish boundary.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That due to it being maintained to a good standard, the plot holder could retain their allotment but the situation will be reviewed in 12 months' time.**

*Councillor Ford then left the meeting.*

### 321/13 MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL 2013

Councillor Mackenzie gave a report on this event and expressed her appreciation to all members of the Town Council, staff and their families who had put considerable effort and time into making the event a success.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That, in the future, the Music and Arts Festival be organised and facilitated by an external group which may be eligible for to grant funding from the Town Council.**

*Councillor Jacques then left the meeting.*

### **322/13 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2013**

Councillor Little gave an update.

A facebook page has been set up by Lowther which will preview the event as the date gets closer.

It is hoped that the Youth Council might be involved with the Switch On event this year for example by helping with setting up on the day.

Councillor Little will attend the Chamber of Trade meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October to publicise the event and gain buy-in by the traders with regard to the parcel making initiative and sponsorship opportunities.

A road closure for Orchard Road has been submitted and a decision awaited. Councillor Little is meeting with Chris Hambly soon to discuss the progress.

School choirs are invited to sing at the event.

A programme is to be produced for the Switch on event and sponsorship is welcome if any interested businesses wish to contact Lowther Pavilion about this.

The lights themselves will require further investment due to their age and condition but for this year repairs will be undertaken to improve on last year's display.

Posters will be designed by Lowther and hopefully will go in as many shops as possible, David Wood has agreed to be 'Father Christmas' at the event again this year.

The Town Crier is aware of the event date and has been asked to attend.

A request has been made via Chamber of Trade for the Silver Bell Jazz Band to perform in and around the Square on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December and for the Town Council to meet the cost of £210.

It was decided that as the Town Council already makes a contribution to the cost of the Christmas Lights annually and is also paying towards the Switch On event, that the request should be declined.

**RESOLVED**                      **That the request to fund the Silver Bell Jazz Band be declined.**

### **323/13 ST ANNE'S ON SEA IN BLOOM**

As Councillor Willder was not present, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

### **324/13 KITE FESTIVAL 2013**

Councillor Settle gave a brief update as he had also reported back at the July committee meeting.

The group now have a committee and its first meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Councillor Settle will attend this meeting.

The dates for next year's Kite Festival had been confirmed as 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and the tides have already been checked.

It was noted that 26<sup>th</sup> July is believed to be the Feast Day of St Anne which may be an

opportune time to fly the Town Flag. This will be checked with DCLG.

**325/13 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Leisure and Community Committee would be held at West Lodge, 5 St. George's Road, St. Anne's on the Sea, Lancashire FY8 2AE on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 2.00 pm.**

The meeting ended at 3.35 pm.

Signed.....

Chairman  
4<sup>th</sup> November 2013